

**REMARKS**

The office action points out that the buddy lists in the cited references may include pictures. Moreover, it is indicated that the buddy lists are used in connection with an ad hoc wireless network.

However, claim 16 calls for receiving character set independent information about a participant in an ad hoc wireless network. Further, the claim calls for automatically transmitting said character set independent information about a participant to other participants in the ad hoc wireless network.

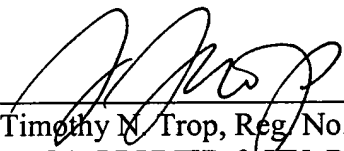
Missing from the reference is any communication of the buddy lists between participants. While the buddy lists exist, there is nothing that indicates that the buddy lists are exchanged.

Moreover, even if the buddy lists were exchanged, there is nothing that indicates that the buddy lists are exchanged automatically. The reason for automatic exchange of buddy lists is not apparent from the face of the reference and, therefore, it cannot be inherent that this be done.

Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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